

# Councilman LaValle Hosts "Run the Farm 4 Mile Challenge" at Bethel Hobbs Farm in Centereach

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**Farmingville, NY** – On August 22, Councilman Kevin LaValle, hosted the first annual Run the Farm 4 Mile Challenge, a USA Track and Field-sanctioned community event that started and finished at the 11-acre Bethel Hobbs Farm in Centereach. He was joined at the event by Supervisor Ed Romaine. All proceeds of the race benefit the farm which provides fresh produce to those in need. There were 180 runners who finished the race with top male and female finishers Leo Chen of Selden and Hannah Zetlin Wong of Port Jefferson posting winning times of 24:15:17 and 30:48:25 respectively. Race results are posted at [www.start2finish.com/2015race.htm](http://www.start2finish.com/2015race.htm). Finishers can view themselves crossing the finish line by clicking on "Searchable Results," finding their time, and clicking "Video." Finishing certificates are also available for printing.

The Run the Farm 4 Mile Challenge raised \$4,800 to benefit the Bethel Hobbs Farm. This will afford the members of the farm's volunteer staff to further their mission of providing more than 30,000 pounds of produce from their seasonal yield to a network of local food pantries and food programs. The farm is also an educational place for local businesses, schools and other organizations to volunteer and improve the quality of life in the community.

Pictured at left are Run the Farm 4 Mile Challenge racers. Pictured at right are Supervisor Romaine, Councilman LaValle's Legislative Aide Krista Ingebretsen, Bethel Hobbs Farm Director Ann Pelligrino, Board Member Pilar Stevens and Councilman LaValle.

"It was great to see so many people turn out for the race in support of this worthy cause," said Supervisor Romaine. "The Bethel Hobbs Farm serves the needs of so many people and I was happy to be part of it and show my support for this community event."

Councilman LaValle said, "Thanks to all the runners, volunteers and spectators, the first annual Run the Farm 4 Mile Challenge was a big success for Bethel Hobbs Farm. The work that they do to provide families with nutritious food is a labor of love and I commend Ann Pelligrino for her spirit and dedication to helping her neighbors."

For more information about Bethel Hobbs Community Farm—including volunteer opportunities and farm stand hours of operation, visit [www.hobbsfarm.info/](http://www.hobbsfarm.info/) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethel-Hobbs-Community-Farm/114074191947432>.